

 <p style="text-align: center;">STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Policy and Procedure</p>	POLICY AND PROCEDURE NUMBER 05.05.010	PAGE 1 of 2
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SUBJECT Traffic Control Devices	SUPERSEDES 70-7000	DATED March 1, 1982
CHAPTER Design and Construction	SECTION Highways	APPROVED BY Signature on File

PURPOSE

This formalizes the Policy and Procedure (P&P) of the department on the application, and revision of the standards for uniform use of traffic control devices on all public highways in Alaska.

POLICY

The standard for traffic control devices on all public highways in Alaska is established in the Alaska Traffic Manual. The Alaska Traffic Manual implements Alaska Statutes 19.10.040 and 19.10.050.

All traffic control devices installed on public highways in Alaska shall conform to the most recent revision of the Alaska Traffic Manual. The manual shall allow suitable time to replace out-of-date devices.

PROCEDURE

The Alaska Traffic Manual consists of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the Alaska Traffic Manual Supplement, and incorporates by reference the signs in the Alaska Sign Design Specifications.

Interpreting and Revising the Manual

The state traffic and safety engineer in the Division of Statewide Design and Engineering Services is responsible for maintaining and, when questions arise, interpreting the manual. It is available on the division's website.

Periodically, the state traffic and safety engineer shall issue a comprehensive revision of the Alaska Traffic Manual. Before each comprehensive revision, the state traffic and safety engineer shall hold a meeting in order to address comments, hear suggestions, and instruct in the appropriate application of traffic control devices. They shall notify appropriate city, borough, state, and federal officials, provide a comment period, chair the meeting, and keep records of all written comments received.

The state traffic and safety engineer shall respond to all written requests for modifications to the manual, including those not associated with a manual revision meeting.

Inspecting for Nonconforming Traffic Control Devices

Regional traffic and safety engineers or their staff may inspect traffic control on state highways for conformance with the Alaska Traffic Manual. If they notice significant non-conforming traffic control, they shall request appropriate staff in the Construction or Maintenance and Operations sections to make the necessary changes. If they do not make the changes, the regional traffic and safety engineer shall appeal to the director or chief responsible for construction (when the traffic control devices are on construction projects) or the director or chief responsible for maintenance and operations. If the matter remains uncorrected, the regional traffic and safety engineer shall notify the state traffic and safety engineer.

The state traffic and safety engineer or their staff may inspect traffic control on state highways for conformance with the Alaska Traffic Manual. If they notice significant non-conforming traffic control or are informed of it by regional personnel, they may request the director or chief responsible for construction in a region (when the traffic control devices are on construction projects) or the director or chief responsible for maintenance and operations in a region to make changes necessary to conform. If they cannot make required modifications within a reasonable time, they shall respond by indicating what progress has been made, where the remaining problems lie, and their proposed schedule for implementation. If either party does not judge the action of the other to be appropriate, that party shall refer the matter to the department's Chief Engineer for resolution.

AUTHORITY

AS 19.10.040
AS 19.10.050
AS 28.01.010(d)

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITY

All traffic and safety personnel, design personnel, construction personnel, and M&O personnel

DISTRIBUTION

All department employees via the DOT&PF website